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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 6/25/2021
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Christine Tharpe
Office: Member of School Board, District 8
Parish: CADD0
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: Any

149 Patton Ave.
Shreveport, LA
71105-3638

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: SUPP2020
Original Due Date: 2/18/2021
Date Filed: 3/1/2021
Activity Receipts: \$0
Expenditures: \$25.62
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$61.32

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$400
Days Late: 10
Late Fee Order Received: 5/17/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 6/4/2021
Waiver Request Received: 5/17/2021
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Candidate submitted waiver request by fax and states that she did indeed file the report in time and sent copies of the report to the office as proof. She said ALL of her reports were filed in a timely manner and can be seen online with the correct dates. She asks that the \$400 charge be reversed.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: YES
Prior Late Fees: YES
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

**Christine B. Tharpe
149 Patton Ave.
Shreveport, LA 71105**

May 12, 2021

**Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821**

**ATT: Melissa Horn
Angela Newson**

Re: Appeal about Late Fee Assessment: 70202450000010754090

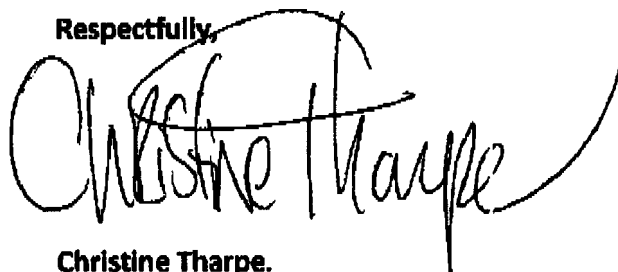
I would like to humbly appeal/dispute the decision by the Ethics Board to assess a \$400.00 late fee in regard to a supposed ten (10) day delay on a Campaign Finance Report.

I would like on record that I did indeed file the report on time and sent copies of the report to the office as proof.

ALL my Campaign Finance Reports were filed in a timely manner and can be seen online with correct dates.

I am requesting a review of the original report as filed and the late fee as assessed. I would ask the \$400.00 charge be reversed.

Respectfully,


Christine Tharpe.

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
acting in its capacity as the
SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re: Christine Tharpe
November 3, 2020 Election

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Christine Tharpe, in her capacity as a candidate for Member of School Board, District 8 in the November 3, 2020 election was required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1484.

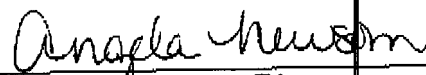
WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4D, Christine Tharpe was required to file a Supplemental Report by February 18, 2021. Christine Tharpe filed the report on March 1, 2021 and was 10 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(iii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$40 per day (not to exceed \$1,000) be assessed against Christine Tharpe for this late filing. However, pursuant to Rule 1205C of the Board (LAC 52:1205C), the \$200 late fee assessed for the 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report is reduced to \$400.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$400 is assessed against Christine Tharpe for failure to timely file her campaign finance disclosure report.

ORDER signed on the 27th day of April 2021 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Angela Newsom, Director
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division



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LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

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April 27, 2021

Ms. Christine Tharpe
149 Patton Ave.
Shreveport, LA 71105-3038

CERTIFIED MAIL

NO. 70202450000010754090

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Late fee assessment for the November 3, 2020 Election
2020 Supplemental Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 10 days late

Dear Ms. Tharpe:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1514.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$400 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.

You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment. If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not pay or dispute the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Melissa Horn

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Fax Cover Sheet

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5-17-2021

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CHRISTINE THARPE

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Comments

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